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HOUSE BILL NO. 2261

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALDRIDGE.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 188, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to pregnancy-related services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 188, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 188.345, to read as follows:

188.345. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Truth in Medicine Act".

2. For purposes of this section, the term "medically accurate information" shall mean information that is:

(1) Verified or supported by the weight of medical research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods;

(2) Recognized as correct and objective by leading medical organizations with relevant expertise or government agencies, such as the:

- (a) American Medical Association;**
- (b) American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists;**
- (c) American Public Health Association;**
- (d) American Academy of Pediatrics;**
- (e) American College of Physicians;**
- (f) American Academy of Family Physicians;**
- (g) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;**
- (h) Food and Drug Administration;**
- (i) National Cancer Institute;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18 (j) American Psychological Association; or
19 (k) National Institutes of Health; or
20 (3) Recommended by or affirmed in the medical practice guidelines of a
21 nationally recognized accrediting organization, such as the:
22 (a) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO);
23 (b) National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA);
24 (c) American Accreditation HealthCare Commission or Utilization Review
25 Accreditation Commission (AAHC/URAC); or
26 (d) Accreditation Association for Ambulatory HealthCare (AAAHC).
27 3. To be eligible for state funds, all organizations that provide pregnancy-related
28 services or counseling, including those that provide services or counseling under the
29 alternatives to abortion services program described in section 188.325, shall provide
30 program participants with medically accurate and unbiased information on all relevant
31 reproductive health options including, but not limited to, information about family
32 planning, birth control, pregnancy, abortion, adoption, labor and delivery, and
33 postpartum care.
34 4. Any organization that provides pregnancy-related services or counseling,
35 including an organization that provides services or counseling under the alternatives to
36 abortion services program, that violates the provisions of this section shall not be eligible
37 to receive any state funding or tax incentives including, but not limited to, temporary
38 assistance for needy families funds or tax credits.

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